

**Davis-Dolwig Act, Water Code
Section 11900 et seq., and
Resources Agency Order No. 6**

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DDA Legislative Intent

- Full utilization of the recreational and fish and wildlife potential of SWP facilities consistent with other project purposes.
- DWR is to retain overall control over the management of the SWP.
- Recreation and fish and wildlife enhancement are non-reimbursable by water contractors. (Water Code Sections 11910, 11912)

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**Davis-Dolwig Act (DDA) was
enacted in 1961**

- To provide for the preservation and enhancement of fish and wildlife resources and public recreation at State Water Project Facilities
- To establish policy and authorization for recreation and fish and wildlife resources. (Water Code Sections 11900 and 11901)

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**Role of the Department of Fish
and Game**

- DFG has the obligation to manage fish and wildlife resources at SWP facilities. (Water Code Section 11917)
- Wildlife Conservation Board can design and construct fishing access sites (Section 11920)

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DDA Recreational Purposes

- Recreational pursuits generally associated with the out of doors:
 - Camping, picnicking, fishing, hunting, water contact sports, boating and sightseeing.
 - Facilities may include water and sanitary facilities, parking areas, view points, boat ramps and any other facilities necessary to make project land and water areas available for use by the public. (Water Code Section 11910.5)

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DWR Responsibilities

- Plan for recreation and fish and wildlife preservation and enhancement at SWP facilities.
- Consult with Department of Parks and Recreation, DFG and all appropriate federal and local agencies. (Water Code Section 11910)

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DWR Recreation Planning

- Analysis of benefits and costs
- Preparation of land use and land acquisition plans
- Preparation of development proposals
- Recommendations to the Legislature for authorization, if necessary, and for financing. (Water Code Section 11911)

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DPR Responsibilities

- Submit designs and plans to DWR for determination that contemplated recreation development and operation will not impair the other purposes of the SWP. (Water Code Section 11918)

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Department of Parks and Recreation Authorities

- To design and construct public recreation facilities at SWP facilities.
- To establish and enforce standards for the development, operation and maintenance of public recreation areas at SWP facilities. (Water Code Section 11918)

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Resource Agency Order No. 6 (March 13, 1963)

- Goal of full and close coordination, cooperation and consultation among DPR, DWR and DFG.
- Coordination and cooperation at both the headquarters and in the field.
- Every report prepared by any of the three agencies under the Davis-Dolwig Program must contain the written comments of the other two agencies.

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DPR Responsibilities

- Implement recreation proposals included by DWR in plans (when funded by the Legislature)
- Manage SWP lands as State Recreation Areas (Water Code Section 11919)

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RA Order No. 6 (continued)

- Any differences among the departments concerning responsibilities and duties under the Davis-Dolwig Act are to be resolved by the Resources Agency
- Each department shall budget for its own responsibilities under the program, including all management and operations costs and costs of any additional staff.

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RA Order No. 6 (continued)

- Each of the three departments shall designate a liaison officer to:
 - Provide necessary coordination
 - Eliminate duplication or overlap
 - Identify procedural or policy deficiencies
 - Take steps to correct deficiencies

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DPR Responsibilities Under RA Order No. 6

- DPR is responsible for those recreation matters not affecting other project purposes or operations
- DPR may not take any action that would impair the accomplishment of other water project purposes

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DPR Responsibilities Under RA Order No. 6

- Implement recreation proposals included by DWR in plans (when funded by the Legislature)
- Once financed, DPR shall perform the function of design, construction, operation, maintenance and management of such recreation components.

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Transfers of Control and Possession under the Davis-Dolwig Act

- DWR has transferred the recreation interest on over 32,000 acres to DPR.
- DWR has transferred the fish and wildlife management interest on over 11,000 acres to DFG.

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DPR Responsibilities Under RA Order No. 6

- Manage the surface of the water for recreation purposes;
- Patrol to protect the State Recreation Area from damage and to preserve the peace.

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Encroachment Control in SRA's

- DPR has the right to grant rights, permits and easement under the laws of the State Park System.
- Any rights, permits and easements over lands under DPR control made by DWR are subject to the prior approval of DPR.

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FERC Order on Revised Recreation Plan

(Sept. 22, 1994)

"In its proposed plan, the licensee [DWR] acknowledges that it bears ultimate responsibility for ensuring funding, development and management of current and future recreation facilities at the project."

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"It is the Commission's policy that licensees encourage government agencies and private interests, such as operators of user fee facilities, to assist in carrying out plans for public recreation, including operation and adequate maintenance of recreational areas and facilities."

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"[The] State Water Contractors state that their contracts for water supply from the project obligate them to pay for all costs of the project, including costs of carrying out the recreation plan . . . [and] would be required to pay higher water rates to make up any deficit in the licensee's recreation budget."

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